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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)	
BOARDING ANIMALS INTO A BOAT)	

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the most recent Office Action, dated August 25, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 at line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a device for attachment to a boat for boarding animals thereinto. The device includes an elongated ramp member having a proximal end portion and a central body portion, a support member extending from the proximal end and engagedly abutting a first portion of the boat extending above-the-waterline, a strut extending from the central portion and abutting a second portion of the boat extending below-the waterline, and a gripping assembly connected to the support member for releasably engaging the boat.--